

HOUSE RESOLUTION 207

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Darla Parton upon being named 2007 Director of Nursing of the Year for the Eastern Division by Life Care Centers of America.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's nurses make invaluable contributions to the quality of our lives and provide us with the finest medical care, bringing to bear in each case their knowledge, skill, training, and compassion, and offering healing and hope to those under their expert care; and

WHEREAS, Darla Parton is one such self-sacrificing individual who, because of her stalwart dedication to providing the best possible medical care to those in need, has been honored by Life Care Centers of America as the 2007 Director of Nursing of the Year for the Eastern Division; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parton has lent her professional talents to Life Care Center of Morristown, where she has cared for countless patients and their families for fifteen years, first as a Certified Nurses Aid, then as a Licensed Practical Nurse, and finally as a Registered Nurse and Director of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of William and Wanda Tobie and the late William C. Southerland, Darla Parton attended Manley Elementary School, West View Middle School, and graduated from Morristown High School in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parton attended Morristown State Area Vocational Technical School and received a Practical Nursing Certificate, graduating fourth in her class in 1991; and

WHEREAS, entering Lincoln Memorial University in the second year of the Associate Nursing program after successfully challenging out of the first year, Darla Parton received her Associates Degree in Nursing in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in her exemplary career at Life Care Center of Morristown, Darla Parton has established an estimable record of service, receiving a deficiency free state survey in 2003 and

a less than state average number of deficiencies on facility state surveys for three consecutive years; moreover, she has accomplished facility Joint Commission rectification in 2003, receiving a score of 100% and again received rectification in 2006; and

WHEREAS, an active and respected member of her profession, Mrs. Parton is a member of the National Association for Directors in Nursing in Administration, and she is recognized as a Certified Director of Nursing in Long Term Care; and

WHEREAS, in receiving this prestigious award from Life Care Centers of America, Darla Parton was chosen from among thirty-seven Directors of Nursing across the Eastern United States; and

WHEREAS, colleagues hold nurse Darla Parton up as a shining example of excellence in nursing, as someone who has exemplary clinical judgment, compassion for the patient, and an unwavering loyalty to helping people; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Darla Parton is fortunate to share the love and companionship of her husband, James R. Parton, and they are the proud parents of two children, Allen Prus and Sydney Parton; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Darla Parton should be recognized for her many years of service as a caring and committed nursing professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Darla Parton upon being named 2007 Director of Nursing of the Year for the Eastern Division by Life Care Centers of America and for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to her our appreciation for her commitment to the true spirit of nursing and patient care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.